(b) whether Goverenment propose to take this factor into consideration, while propagating family planning; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various studies indicate that the educational level of women has a significant inverse relationship with fertility. However, considering the present level of low female literacy rate, population education is being incorporated in adult education programme suitably. Family Planning strategy lays stress in raising the status of women which includes bringing about improvement in education level of females.

Sale of children due to poverty in Bihar

4079. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a poor mother sold her twin children at Rs. 10 each at Pipra Maharaja village in Palamau district of Bihar on 8th July this year, becaue of poverty;

(b) whether the Pipra Maharaja village is a beneficiary of the poverty alliviation programme of the Central Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch the Free Nutritious Meals Scheme all over the country, as in Tamil Nadu, with a view to alleviate poverty and stop such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This Ministry has no proposal at present to launch a free meals scheme all over the country.

Requirement of measles vaccine

4080. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Measles vaccine is a part of Universal Immunisation Programme and if so, the estimated number of doses required to be given upto 1990 and the costs and benefits involved;

(b) whether any controlled field clinical trials have been made in the country to evaluate the effectiveness of this vaccine and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any significant improvements have been made by our R & D units since this vaccine was first introduced in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the above vaccine manufactured indigenously compares well with the best available vaccine anywhere in the world and if so, the basis for such evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Measles vaccination has been included under the Universal Immunization Programme since 1985-86. Estimated number of required doses upto 1990 and cost of vaccine is given below:

(*Fig. in lakhs*)

Year	Total No. of doses required	Cost of vaccine
		Rs.
1988-89 . .	237.00	462.15
1989-90 . .	289.00	563 55

(b) and (c) Measles vaccine feasibility efficacy study was done by the Directorate General of Health Services involving 36 medical colleges in 18 States and U.Ts. in 1980.

(d) Measles vaccine is being presently imported for use in the programme. Serum Institute of India, Pune has undertaken manufacture of Measles vaccine and the same will be used after clearance by Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

Loan from World Bank for construction of Bridges, Highways etc.

4081. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign exchange loan from the World Bank has been received for construction of Bridges, Highways and other projects;

(b) if so, in what manner it is to be distributed to various States; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set-up a Corporation to float funds to undertake such activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The World Bank have agreed to provide loan assistance for six identified National Highway Projects in the States of Gujarat, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh and is to be spent on these projects only.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Eye banks in the country

4082. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of eye banks in the country;

(b) the number of people who have given their willingness to donate their eyes; and

(c) what procedure is adopted for donation of eyes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per available reports, country has 117 Eye Banks.

(b) 189243 persons have been reported to have registered their name for donating their eyes after death, till the end of 1987.

(c) Individuals register their names for donation of their eyes after their death, with eye banks. The Eye Banks on hearing of the death of the registered donor from their relatives collect the eyes of the donors.

Utilisation of funds allocated for various Health Programmes

4083. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of Central allocation made to the various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 for National Health Programme for control of Blindness, TB Control and Leprosy Eradication Programme was actually utilised and what are the reasons for the non-utilisation of the grants in full;

(b) what percentage of the allocation, if any, was diverted by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for programmes, other than health programmes; and

(c) what are the achievements in the implementation of the health programmes according to the evaluation, if any, made by Government and what is the Government's reaction with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per the expenditure statement received from the States, there has been some short fall in utilisation of Central allocation in respect of National Programme for control of blindness during the years 1984-85 to 1987-88 particularly in respect of smaller States/UTs like Pondicherry, Chandigarh, Goa Daman and Diu for the reasons that equipments and instruments had not been installed and/or late